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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

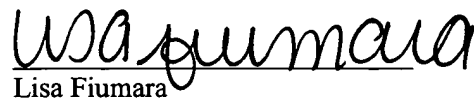
1. United States Patent No. 5,516,346, issued May 14, 1996; and
2. Korean Patent Application No. 2001-0101276, published November 14, 2001, with Japanese translation.

These references were cited in an Official Action dated October 31, 2002, received from the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). A copy of the Korean Office Action is enclosed. A translation of the Korean Office Action into Japanese is also enclosed.

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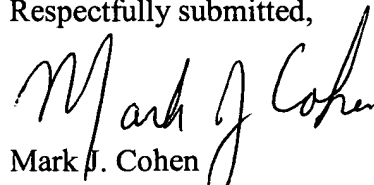

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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, along with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Japanese translation of the Korean Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the reference was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the reference, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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